

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 724

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars baseball team on winning the 2017 Dixie Youth Baseball AA World Series.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group is the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars, an outstanding group of young men between the ages of seven and eight who, through their dedication to the pursuit of athletic excellence, talents on the field of play, and unwavering support of one another as teammates, have found victory at the highest level of competition; and

WHEREAS, the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars began their championship run in the Dixie Youth District 3 Tournament in Loretto, where they swept the competition, posting an unblemished record of five wins and no losses; and

WHEREAS, advancing to the state tournament in Rockwood, Summertown again dominated the field, with eight victories against one loss, to proudly earn the right to represent the State of Tennessee at the Dixie Youth Baseball Coach-Pitch World Series in Cleveland, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, facing teams from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, the baseball boys from Tennessee won seven straight games, including a thrilling one-run victory over Texas, to claim the World Series Championship trophy; and

WHEREAS, the members of this championship team are Cason Blackwood, Ryder Blackwood, Knox Calton, Ryne Gobble, Brayden Keeton, Hudson Konig, Hayden Lindsey, Jake Pettus, Aiden Perez, Eli Shaffer, Jon Kolbi Stanley, and Cecil Williams; and

WHEREAS, the young men from Summertown enjoyed the coaching wisdom and abilities of four talented coaches, namely Brent Blackwood, Adam Lindsey, Sampson Perez, and Nathan Keeton; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars and their coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee, as the team was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the World Series by World Series officials; and

WHEREAS, the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized for this remarkable achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate the players and coaches of the Summertown AA (7/8) All Stars baseball team on winning the 2017 Dixie Youth Baseball AA World Series, applauding their dedication to excellence, both on the field and off, and extending our best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.